

Title:	Letter to Mr. Walsh, Registrar Office, 1836		
Creator:	John B. Warren		
Dates of Material:	1836	Record Group Number:	RG 437
Summary of Contents:	<p>The letter was addressed to _____ Walsh Esq., Registrar Office, Vittoria, Long Point. The letter is dated Sept. 10, 1836 on the inside, but Sept 12, 1836 on the outside and it is from Fort Erie. The content of the letter concerns 200 acres of land in the township of Charlottville, Long Point which were bequeathed to Mr. Warren's brother by Benjamin Hardison in 1823. The deed to this land is missing and Mr. Warren is asking for assistance in ascertaining which lot his brother was bequeathed.</p>		
Physical Description / Condition:	<p>This is double sided handwritten letter, 39 cm. x 24 cm. which has neither stamps nor postmarks.</p> <p>The letter is written on blue paper and it is folded in several places. The letter has holes on the second page and in the centre crease. There is slight discolouration and some slight water damage. There was previously tape on the outside of the letter and this has left some residue. There was also a wax seal which has worn off.</p>		
Administrative/ Biographical Sketch	<p>The man to whom the letter is addressed is Francis Leigh Walsh who was a land surveyor and registrar. Mr. Walsh was born on March 12, 1789 in Harford County, Maryland to Thomas Welsh, a United Empire Loyalist. In 1793, his family moved to Norfolk County and in 1810, Francis succeeded his father as registrar for Norfolk County.</p> <p>During the War of 1812 he served in the local militia and became a captain in 1824. He was the representative for Norfolk in the legislative assembly of Upper Canada from 1820 to 1828 and 1834 to 1836. He became justice of the peace in the London district in 1821 and 1838 in the Talbot district. He died in Simcoe on Oct. 14th, 1884. His son, Aquila Walsh served in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada and in the Canadian House of Commons.</p> <p>Benjamin Hardison was born in Berwick in the Thirteen Colonies (British colonies on the Atlantic Coast of North America) on April 2, 1757 to Thomas Hardison and Mary Chadbourne. He was a farmer, miller and political figure. He was the representative for 4th Lincoln and Norfolk in the Legislative Assembly of Upper Canada from 1797-1800. On January 21, 1800 he married Jane Warren.</p>		

	He served with the American forces during the American Revolution at which time he was taken prisoner and sent to Canada. Later, he settled in Fort Erie where he was a captain in the militia and a justice of the peace for the Niagara district. He operated mills and a distillery in Fort Erie and died there on July 26, 1823.		
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